

BLUES MUST AVOID A CUP HANGOVER!

AFTER their two epic F.A. Cup third round matches against Middlesbrough last week, Wycombe Wanderers come down to earth again tomorrow (Saturday) when they visit Oxford City in the Rothmans Isthmian League. And one of the Blues' biggest problems will be avoiding a "Cup hangover".

With Wanderers winning unprecedented coverage from press and television recently, Oxford will be pulling out all the stops to overcome their old rivals. And City's recent form could spell trouble for Wycombe.

Oxford have won their last two home games against strong opposition. Kingstonian, who beat Wanderers 3-2 recently, went down 2-0 and last Saturday City beat Tooting 2-1. These two results came at just the right time for Oxford had been going through a poor run.

After their 2-1 defeat at Loakes Park in October they lost at home to Enfield 3-1, Leytonstone 1-0, and went down at Woking 2-1 and Leatherhead 2-1. They also drew with Barking 3-3 and Hayes 1-1 at home and at Walton 0-0. There was one fine result during those weeks, however.

FIRST BONUS

When City entertained Bromley they registered their biggest ever win in the Rothmans Isthmian League, winning 4-0. It was also their first ever £40 bonus from the sponsors.

They could be without skipper John Woodley tomorrow. He cut an eye in last week's game and had several stitches inserted in the gash. Only one player has left since their defeat at Wycombe — Mick Sherrell, who has since joined Thame. In the game at Loakes Park earlier in the season, City took a shock fourth minute lead through Neil Hargitan before second half goals by Keith Searle and Howard Kennedy gave Wanderers the verdict. On that day, Oxford im-

pressed with their hard running and work rate.

Wanderers will not select their team until tomorrow and may decide to rest Mick Holifield, who played with a bandaged wrist in the Middlesbrough games. Dave Alexander is the likely replacement.

ROTHMANS ISTHMIAN LEAGUE

	Division 1						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Enfield	22	19	1	2	48	13	58
Ilford	24	14	4	6	56	32	46
Dag'ham	20	14	3	3	49	22	45
Dulwich	25	14	3	8	42	27	45
L'head	21	13	4	4	47	22	43
Wycombe	21	12	6	3	36	22	42
Tooting	22	12	4	6	32	25	40
Sutton	24	12	2	10	45	34	38
Kingston	25	11	1	13	31	40	34
Barking	26	9	6	11	46	48	33
W'stow	24	9	5	10	38	34	32
Bishop's	21	10	2	9	30	29	32
Slough	22	8	5	9	36	31	29
Hendon	24	8	5	11	32	41	29
Oxford	23	8	4	11	32	36	28
Hayes	24	6	6	12	32	43	24
Woking	24	6	6	12	28	42	24
L'stone	23	6	5	12	20	30	23
Hitchin	17	6	2	9	26	35	20
Clapton	23	8	2	13	33	48	18
Bromley	24	4	1	19	16	52	13
Walson	25	3	3	19	21	70	12